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The Government have received reports that agrarian and labour unrest is being stirred up all over the Andhra districts over the existing difficult food situation. It is understood that peasant and worker movements are also being organised to demand kist remission, to establish gruel centres, to take up famine works etc. Reports are also understood to be appearing in certain weeklies about the alleged deplorable conditions in Rayalaseema districts, and Guntur and Nellore districts and about the alleged plight of the people arising out of the food situation. The Government consider that the only way to counteract this misleading propaganda is for the District Officers to be alert and take prompt action to relieve distress arising from the failure of the monsoon and keep the public informed through their periodical conferences etc. as to the steps taken to alleviate their distress. Consistent propaganda as to what the Government have done and are doing on the part of the District Officials will counteract the misleading propaganda carried on in certain quarters. The Collectors are accordingly requested to issue suitable immediate instructions to the subordinate officers in the matter, and to see that effective action is taken to portray the various relief measures undertaken by Government for the benefit of the public in the affected areas.

S.K. Chettur,
Secretary to Government.

To
The Collectors of Guntur, Nellore, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur, Chingleput, N. Arcot, S. Arcot, Tiruchirapalli, Ramanathapuram, Coimbatore.
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